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Tribal Activities Report October 01 – December 31, 2010

Overview: The Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) provides behavioral health services including oversight of the Arizona State Hospital (ASH), public health services and medical facilities licensing.

Office of the Director – Native American Liaison

Project Results and Accomplishments: Attended two Advisory Council on Indian Health Care (ACOIHC) council meetings, initiated development of an Arizona American Indian Asthma Collation, participated in planning meetings for a national conference (Pathways into Health) to encourage entry of AI/AN into health professions, attended two coordination meetings of the Regional Behavioral Health Authorities (RBHAs) Tribal Liaisons, attended the American College of Surgeons Trauma System Consultation meeting in Window Rock, coordinated a quarterly ADHS-IHS Directors meeting, participated in two planning meeting for the upcoming Arizona American Indian Oral Health Summit, coordinated a presentation by the Tohono O'odham Nation (TON) Health & Human Services Executive Director to ADHS staff, continued participation in a national Public Health Accreditation Board Tribal Standards Work Group, attended one Arizona Commission of Indian Affairs board meeting, and coordinating the first planning meeting for the next Arizona American Indian Behavioral Health Forum.

Future: The Pathways into Health national conference will be held on 2/22-25/10 in Tucson. The conference will include a field trip to the TON. The Oral Health Summit will be held on 4/20-21/10 at the Radisson Fort McDowell Resort.

Division of Behavioral Health Services

Project Results and Accomplishments: The White Mountain Apache Tribe (WMAT) behavioral health performance corrective Action Plan initiated in October of 2009 was successfully completed on 12/31/10. New IGAs with Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) and Pascua Yaqui Tribe (PYT) were finalized and executed on 12/29/10 for a term of three years with two (2) one year extensions allowable. Technical assistance was provided to the Tribal Regional Behavioral Health Authorities (TRBHAs – Navajo Nation, WMAT, GRIC, PYT and CRIT) in the implementation of the new enrollment system which became effective 10/1/10. The Federal, State, and Tribal Court Forum established an Involuntary Commitment for American Indian Committee with the DBHS Tribal Contract Administrator being a member.

Formal Regional Behavioral Health Authorities/Tribal relationships continued. The Northern Arizona Regional Behavioral Health Authority (NARBHA) and the Ft. Mohave tribe finalized a Memorandum of Agreement for the provision of behavioral health services on the Mohave Indian reservation. The Hualapai Tribal Council approved an agreement to allow NARBHA to provide services on the Hualapai reservation. There is on-going coordination between Cenpatico, Community Partnership of Southern Arizona, Magellan and the TON for the provision of crisis services on the TON reservation.

The planning for the statewide Arizona American Indian Behavioral Forum II was incorporated into the ADHS Cultural Competency Plan for FY 11.

Current Projects: Ongoing monitoring of behavioral health services with the Navajo Nation, WMAT, GRIC, PYT and CRIT is a routine activity required by the tribal IGAs. Monitoring meetings with each tribe

has been scheduled for 2011. The WMAT IGA review in preparation for revision was initiated - internal review, development of recommended revisions, negotiations for this new WMAT IGA will be on-going. Ongoing technical assistance was provided for the Auto Enrollment program.

Monthly coordination meetings have been held between the RBHA Tribal Liaisons, ADHS and the ACOIHC to improved access to on-reservation behavioral health services. Meetings are scheduled throughout 2011.

Future: The next Involuntary Commitment training is scheduled for 1/12/11 in Camp Verde (Yavapai Apache). There will be updating of the DBHS Involuntary Commitment web page. The first meeting of the Federal, State, and Tribal Court Forum committee is set for 1/28/11. The renewal of the WMAT IGA must be executed prior to 6/30/13 (end of term). The statewide Arizona American Indian Behavioral Health Forum II will be conducted no later than March 2012.

Division of Public Health Services – Prevention Services

Bureau of Women's and Children's Health

Project Results and Accomplishments: The Office of Oral Health continued engagement with ITCA and the Phoenix Area IHS to discuss development of an additional teledentistry site. The San Carlos IHS Service Unit has agreed to participate in a pilot teledentistry program. Consultation and training has been provided to the Hopi IHS Service Unit for implementation of their school-based teledentistry program. The Office for Children with Special Health Care Needs supported the establishment of a telemedicine connection between Flagstaff and the Tuba City Health Care Corporation specifically for children enrolled in the Children's Rehabilitative Services Program. However, the telemedicine connection will be used for other children with special health care needs requiring specialty care as well.

The Emergency Medical Services for Children's Program attended the American College of Surgeons Trauma site visit for the Navajo Nation on 10/18 – 20/10. The purpose of this meeting was to assess the feasibility of establishing a trauma system within the Navajo Nation. The Health Start Program initiated a new five-year contract with Native Health (Phoenix Urban Indian Health Program) on October 1 to provide Health Start Program and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Screening and Brief Intervention Services. The Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program continued contractual relations with ITCA and the Navajo Nation. ITCA subcontracts with the TON San Lucy District, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, Hopi Tribe and CRIT to provide the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Services. The Bureau continued contractual relationships with ADABI (Navajo Nation contractor) to provide Family Violence Prevention Services.

Bureau of Health Systems Development

Project Results and Accomplishments: The Bureau's Native American Community Development Manager resigned in November. The advertisement to fill the vacancy is posted on www.azstatejobs.com and www.careerbuilder.com. The position will remain posted until it is filled. Technical assistance related to the Federal Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) New Access Point federal grant application was provided to Native Americans for Community Action (Flagstaff) and Tuba City Health Care Corporation.

Current Projects: Planning is underway for this summer's 5th Annual Tribal Cancer Retreat. Breast, cervical and colorectal cancer screening programs from IHS, Navajo, Hopi and ADHS will participate along with participants from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), American Cancer Society, Komen Foundation, Native American Research Center, Arizona Cancer Center, ASU, ADHS, PIMC, and TON. The event may be 2.5 days. CDC sponsored a professional video of the 2009 retreat which they will use as a motivator to have other states encourage state/tribal collaborations.

The Arizona Health Disparities Center (AHDC), the Bureau of Tobacco and Chronic Diseases (BTCD), in partnership with ITCA worked to identify three communities to complete an assessment at the community

and health system levels to determine what evidence and/or systems based policy changes could be implemented with those communities.

Future: Bureau staff will be travelling to Kykotsmovi on 1/04/11 to provide a tribal and IHS training on the implementation of the Fit at Fifty HealthCheck Program (FFHP). FFHP is the state's colorectal cancer screening program for the uninsured. AHDC, BTCD, and ITCA will be conducting an informational session on 2/23/11 for tribal programs on diabetes, healthy communities, and tobacco cessation initiatives with a focus on Diabetes Today training. Diabetes Today is a training to mobilize communities to address policies, environmental and systems changes that impact diabetes and healthy living.

Division of Public Health Services – Preparedness Services

Bureau of Public Health Emergency Preparedness

Project Results and Accomplishments: The Fort Yuma-Quechan and CRIT tribes are now contracted with ADHS through the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Cooperative Agreement. In support of the Arizona Tribal Executive Committee (AzTEC), Bureau staff participated in the development of the bylaws of this committee. This resulted in the formalization of the AzTEC group into a Tribal Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Coordinator representative body with ADHS having a non-voting seat.

Current Projects: The funding for the response efforts of the 2009 H1N1 was extended by the CDC through 7/31/11. The extension on this funding is specific to projects started prior to or during the initial funding and response. Six tribes utilized funds during the response and completed an after action report on the activities conducted. This made these six tribes eligible for receiving additional funding during this extension period. These tribes have been allocated the funds and are currently in the process of submitting budgets and work plans for the utilization of the funds.

Bureau of Epidemiology and Disease Control

Project Results and Accomplishments: Infectious Disease Epidemiology Section staff provided technical assistance to the TON and Tucson Area IHS per an increase in reported pertussis cases. Twenty cases were identified. The Tuberculosis Program provided funding to the San Carlos Apache Tribe to hire technical staff for tuberculosis education and outreach and has provided support to the tribe in managing directly observed therapy for tuberculosis cases and contacts.

The Arizona Immunizations Program Office (AIPO) attended the 10/26/10 ADHS – IHS Directors Quarterly Meeting to provide information about immunizations/vaccines and recommendations to promote Tdap vaccination to reduce the spread of pertussis. The AIPO newsletter, Immunizations, continued to be disseminated to Tribal and IHS partners. The Arizona statewide registry system, ASIIS, continued work with IHS facilities to receive children's immunization data electronically and to send reciprocal immunization data back to the IHS facilities to help complete their records on the children they serve. The Office of Environmental Health Childhood Lead Poisoning Program continued to participate in Native American health fairs and with the ITCA lead poisoning prevention program to provide health education material, screen for elevated blood lead levels, and coordinate meetings between members of IHS, ITCA to define agency responsibilities with regards to follow-up, investigations and case management protocol.

The Office of HIV/STD and Hepatitis C Services supported many tribal celebrations across Arizona to commemorate World AIDS Day on December 1st by providing HIV educational materials for distribution. The Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Program supported the STD Partner Services Training Course for Healthcare Professionals at the IHS Sells Service Unit in December. The Arizona American Indian HIV Prevention Task force continued to meet quarterly in order to promote HIV awareness among tribal communities.

Current Projects: The Office of Infectious Diseases continued to work with all tribes across the state on monitoring and investigating infectious diseases. Examples include: Ongoing tuberculosis case reviews

and trainings with the Navajo Nation. Investigation of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever cases with San Carlos, WMAT, and GRIC tribes and working with partners on a national survey to better characterize and understand the impact of H1N1 influenza on Native Americans.

The Arizona Immunizations Program Office continued to work with tribes and IHS on continued provision of Vaccine for Children's to Tribal and IHS Programs. The Office of Environmental Health continued to work with all tribes across the state by establishing Heat Effects Program Plans.

Future: Staff will continue involvement in the national Native American H1N1 study with anticipated study completion by Fall 2011.

Bureau of Laboratory Services

Project Results and Accomplishments: During this time period the State Public Health Laboratory supported Native American Public Health by providing the following testing services: Rabies, Salmonella culture, Shigella culture, E. coli O157 culture, Pulsed Field Gel Electrophoresis (PFGE), Brucella, Francisella Rocky Mountain spotted fever, Murine Typhus, Q Fever, Hantavirus, Y. Pestis, Pertussis culture, TB culture, TB sensitivity, Influenza Polymerase Chain Reaction, Newborn Screening. Submitters and number of tests were: Ak-Chin Clinic (2), CRIT (2), Fort Mojave IHS (6), Hu Hu Kam Memorial (30), PIMC (61), Fort Defiance (29), White River (121), Chinle (21), Sells (12), Cibecue (4), Pinon (7), San Xavier (4), Tuba City (78), and Winslow (9).

Bureau of Emergency Medical Services

Project Results and Accomplishments: Staff participated in the American College of Surgeons Trauma System Consultation visit to the Navajo Nation in Window Rock in October. The Chinle Comprehensive HealthCare Center was formally designated as an Arizona Level IV trauma in October, joining the other Northern Region hospitals (Flagstaff, Page, Tuba City and Winslow) to ensure timely access to trauma care in rural/frontier Arizona. Bureau staff met with GRIC Fire Department staff in December to discuss training and certificate of necessity issues. Lynette Begay, Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation Trauma Coordinator was approved to serve as a member of the State Trauma Advisory Board.

Bureau of Public Health Statistics – Health Statistics and Vital Records

Project Results and Accomplishments: The Bureau released the following two reports: (1) *Health Status Profile of American Indians in Arizona: 2009 Data Book*. The release date was November 2010 (<http://www.azdhs.gov/plan/report/hspam/hspam09/index.htm>). Previously published reports for 1995 – 2008 are available at <http://www.azdhs.gov/plan/report/hspam/index.htm>. (2) *Differences in the Health Status among Race/Ethnic Groups, Arizona, 2009*. The release date was December 2010 (<http://www.azdhs.gov/plan/report/dhsag/dhsag09/index.htm>). This publication compares risk profiles of racial/ethnic groups for 70 indicators of health status in Arizona. Previously published reports for 1997 – 2007 are available at <http://www.azdhs.gov/plan/report/dhsag/index.htm>.

The Navajo Division of Health Epidemiology Center published a report, *Cancer Among the Navajo 1995-2004*, using the Arizona Cancer Registry data. The Cancer Registry continued its on-going data linkage with the Navajo and Hopi Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Programs.

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